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“In 2009, 4,092 pedestrians were killed and an estimated 59,000 were injured in traffic crashes in the United States. On average, a pedestrian was killed every two hours and injured every nine minutes in traffic crashes.” According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811394.pdf>

The Pullman Police Department takes pedestrian safety seriously because collisions involving pedestrians can be very dangerous. The responsibility for pedestrian safety belongs to both pedestrians and drivers.

Washington State Law

- Pedestrians are subject to traffic control signals at intersections and other restrictions.
- Pedestrians must use sidewalks when available and walk against traffic when sidewalks are not available.
- PEDESTRIANS MUST YIELD TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES!
- When crossing the roadway at any point that is not a marked crosswalk, a pedestrian must yield the right of way to all vehicles on the roadway.
- Drivers must exercise “due care” to avoid a collision.
- Drivers may not enter the crosswalk if a pedestrian is in the crosswalk on the same side of the roadway or within one lane of the same side of the road way.
- Pedestrians shall not suddenly leave a curb to enter a crosswalk.